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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: CARACAS SUBWAY

REF: STATE 299047; CARACAS 0032

1. EMBASSY FEELS THAT MINISTER'S COMMENTS WERE REACTION TO DISAPPOINTING NUMBER OF DOMESTIC FIRMS OFFERING TO PARTICIPATE, AND STRATEGIC IN NATURE AS DEFENDING HIS FUTURE OPENING OF PURELY CIVIL WORKS TO INTERNATIONAL BIDDING. THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS HAD IN THE PAST INTENDED TO LIMIT BIDDING TO DOMESTIC FIRMS FOR SUB-PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BE WELL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF EXPERTISE AVAILABLE FROM VENEZUELAN FIRMS. DUE TO THE SMALL NUMBER OF FIRMS FINALLY BIDDING ON TWO OF SUCH PHASES, THE MINISTER OBVIOUSLY WISHED TO INFORM THE VENEZUELAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC THAT FROM NOW ON, IN ORDER TO SPEED UP PROGRESS, EVEN LESSER MAGNITUDE CIVIL WORKS WOULD BE OPENED TO INTERNATIONAL BIDDING.

2. NO TIME-TABLE IS AVAILABLE OR HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, BUT IT APPEARS THAT PROGRESS IN BIDDING WILL BE ACCELERATING, AS EVIDENCED BY THE RECENT OPENING OF PREQUALIFICATION FOR ROLLING STOCK, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND AIR CONDITIONING PLANTS FOR THE ENTIRE CATIA-PETARE STRETCH.
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